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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0255-01  
Bill No.: SB 664  
Subject: Health Care; Health Care Professionals; Physicians; Insurance - Medical; Medical Procedures and Personnel  
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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>
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FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services, Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, Department of Insurance, Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration, Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of Attorney General and University of Missouri** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses in the health care field could have more exposure to liability due to not

informing patients of abnormal medical test results.

#### DESCRIPTION

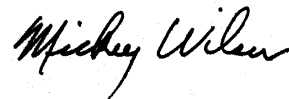
This proposal specifies that a medical malpractice action may be brought against a physician for the failure to inform a patient of the results of an abnormal medical test, unless the physician never received the results of the abnormal medical test. If a facility fails to notify a physician of the results of an abnormal medical test, then the facility will be the subject of the medical malpractice action.

Evidence that the patient was informed of the abnormal medical test can include a conversation of record between the physician and the patient, a letter to the patient's last known address, or any other communications consistent with that particular patient-physician relationship.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Economic Development  
Department of Social Services  
Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan  
Department of Insurance  
University of Missouri



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